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Re application: OPERATING CIRCUIT FOR GAS DISCHARGE LAMPS
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant provides instant Amendment in response to Office
Action dated 10/07/92.

REMARKS

Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph
as lacking support in the specification.

With particular reference to claim 7 (the parent of claim
9), Fig. 15, and Section (ag) at page 33 of the specification,
Applicant traverses this rejection for the reason that -- as
would be readily perceived by a person skilled in the particular
art pertinent hereto -- the voltage applied across the lamp
terminals prior to lamp ignition is indeed "the sum of the AC
voltage and a DC voltage" (see claim 7) where the DC voltage
has a magnitude "about equal to the peak magnitude of the AC
voltage".

A skilled artisan would but have to look at Fig. 15 and
immediately understand that such is inherently a consequence
of the circuit details.